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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction requirement dated January 31, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (Claims 1-18) drawn to a method for determining the operating health of a hydraulic system, Group II (Claims 19-23) drawn to a method for determining the operating health of a hydraulic system, and Group III (Claims 24-30) drawn to an apparatus for determining the operating health of a hydraulic system. Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-18, drawn to a method for determining the operating health of a hydraulic system without traverse.

This response is being filed within the statutory minimum period for reply of thirty (30) days (02 March 2005). Accordingly, no extensions of time are required to enter this response. If, however, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an

extension of time is required to enter this response, please grant any such extensions of time required and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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